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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged in the West, lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mixed, generally barely steady. Retail demand was mostly light to fair; food service was fair to moderate, at times fairly good for fast food. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient with discounting reported. In the parts structure, movement was light and unaggressive. Wings were adequate to close balanced; however, the remaining items were at least adequate with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular weights.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 8/02/04-08/06/04 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	70.00-73.00	70.00-80.75	73.64	33
Los Angeles	86.00			
New York	70.00-73.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	78.00-81.50	65.00-88.00	81.02	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 80.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
967	79.00-82.00	80.56

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	255.50	1,327
BREASTS - B/S	228.50	5,528
BREASTS - WHOLE	127.50	1,527
THIGH MEAT - B/S	107.50	1,075
LEG QUARTERS	35.00	7,537
WINGS	116.50	2,879

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices in Chicago were 2 cents lower than Monday's prices. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was barely steady to steady at present levels. Offerings were sufficient for the light and cautious trade interest going into the first of the month. Movement overall light to fair, better into some fast food outlets. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable to trending heavy. Offerings on parts were moderate to heavy with wings in best position. The market tone on wings was steady to fully steady and all other parts barely steady.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was no better than steady to weak. Retail demand was light to moderate with hopes that first of the month will improve movement. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food specials. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle light trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was limited. Wings were mostly adequate, but the remaining items were fully adequate to ample with little or no interest, even at lower levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Trading reported for next weeks' deliveries at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings generally adequate on small sizes with heavier weight product ample for immediate needs. Sharp discounts were often noted to help stimulate buying interest in excess product. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good. Dealers anticipated satisfactory week-end clearances. Trade sentiment was barely steady on breast, wings

fully steady and balance of parts generally steady.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona – boneless breast 197-399, boneless thigh meat 199, thigh 119-149, drumstick 99-149;

Colorado – roaster 99, boneless breast 225-349, boneless breast fillets 399, drumstick 99-139, thigh 99-139,

(deli food service – rotisserie chicken 499 each);

Northern California – whole body 119, whole body organic 279, roaster 179, boneless breast 499-549, boneless thigh meat free range 299, split breast 199, split breast organic 519, whole leg 159, whole leg free range 169, leg quarter 99, drumstick 99, thigh 99,

Southern California – whole body 59-119, whole body seasoned 99, whole cut-up 119-169, cornish hen 97-149, boneless breast 197-499, boneless breast fillets 4# bagged IQF 799, boneless breast marinated 249, boneless leg meat 99-138, boneless leg meat marinated 129, split breast 97-229, leg quarter 69-89, leg quarter marinated 69, leg quarter seasoned 99, leg quarter 10# bag 390, thigh 97-99, thigh 4# bagged IQF 250-356, drumstick 69-99, drumstick 4# bagged IQF 250-356, combo pack 97, best of the fryer 199,

(deli food service – breast strips 499 per pound, hot wing 398-399 per pound, zesty wings 349 per pound, one barbequed leg quarter 100, rotisserie chicken 497-499 each).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend but was seasonally unaggressive overall. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate with scattered discounting noted. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenderloins were fully sufficient. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings were clearing satisfactorily.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds varied entering the weekend, but generally remained no better than fair and somewhat disappointing. Seller offerings were at least adequate and were more readily available on 2.50 to 3.50 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 73 to 90 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, supplies remained at least adequate on all items.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	67-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	76.49
NO. OF BOXES	7,744
CUMULATIVE	77.53
	62.01
NO. OF BOXES	34,266
	47,575

7 of 7 plants reporting.

JULY 29

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JULY 30

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	875	172.00-304.00	175-180	180.60	912	168.00-180.00	170-175	174.24	4,448	179.41
TENDERLOINS	225	200.00-280.00	200-215	218.62	175	200.00-280.00	200-215	216.91	1,041	220.39
BREAST - LINE RUN	94	125.00-132.00	125-128	127.09	91	118.00-132.00	119-122	121.89	452	125.78
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				355	98.44
LEGS	88	34.00-57.00	38-39	39.50	76	34.00-57.00	36-38	37.01	371	39.27
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	466	27.00-31.00	-	27.22	550	24.00-31.00	26-27	26.42	2,600	26.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	540	29.00-37.00	-	29.94	1,082	26.00-37.00	28-29	28.21	4,663	28.74
WINGS (WHOLE)	235	95.00-98.00	95-97	96.30	281	92.00-112.00	92-96	97.44	1,425	98.61
WINGS (CUT)	538	114.00-119.00	114-117	116.44	613	114.00-119.00	116-119	116.96	2,737	116.75
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				110	47.01
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				171	43.89
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				77	82.00-128.00	-	91.77	373	93.73

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR JULY 29, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
61.00 - 66.50	63.34	55.50 - 63.50	58.21	62.66

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend but was seasonally unaggressive overall. Offerings of breast items remained available and tenderloins were adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat lines were fully sufficient with a soft undertone noted. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive draw was seasonally light and unaggressive. The market tone was barely steady on breast items and dark meat cuts and no better than steady on the balance.
 ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

JULY 29

CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	200-205	191.30	570,544
TENDERLOINS	220	189.50	98,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	113-114	119.05	125,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	116.20	130,720
LEGS	49-50	43.49	240,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	34.41	398,897
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	47.90	108,280
THIGHS	35-36	44.97	98,440
B/S THIGHS	95-96	94.19	57,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	110.94	102,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.93	19,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	25.56	10,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.19	17,680

CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	200-205	194.28	736,635	194.92	3,158,369
TENDERLOINS	220	218.02	114,440	209.63	610,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	113-114	120.66	158,800	120.22	637,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	110.31	211,520	114.68	632,200
LEGS	49-50	48.88	235,598	45.21	1,423,876
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	34.86	306,408	34.67	1,809,089
DRUMSTICKS	41-42	44.8	137,560	44.8	675,320
THIGHS	35-36	41.78	111,480	44.38	431,780
B/S THIGHS	95-96	94.5	53,920	94.04	417,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	110.09	138,480	107.19	626,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-Oct	12.21	32,880	12.03	149,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	27.55	14,360	26.35	70,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.77	24,640	58.55	102,840

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)		
	07/30	07/29	07/28	07/27	07/28	07/27	07/23	07/21	
Alabama	4,719	3,774	3,669	3,670	5.26	5.21	4,562	5.21	
Arkansas	5,352	5,474	5,449	5,386	5.07	5.13	5,180	5.01	
Delmarva	2,131	2,226	2,223	2,235	5.53	5.52	1,977	5.52	
KY-LA-TN	2,243	2,117	2,113	2,054	4.95	4.98	2,126	4.88	
Mississip	3,569	3,055	3,045	2,989	5.41	5.40	3,290	5.37	
North Car	2,729	2,531	2,486	2,415	6.35	6.34	2,973	6.31	
Texas	2,197	2,447	2,455	2,469	5.27	5.33	2,802	5.18	
Total	22,940	21,624	21,440	21,218	5.36	5.37	22,910	5.30	
Mon-Fri	109,594(A)						109,152(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Jul-04 and 31-Jul-04 is estimated to be 34,321,000 head down 0.17 percent from a week ago and up 7.25 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,379,000, last year 32,001,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 31-Jul-04 is estimated to be 158,383,000 head down 1.79 percent from a week ago, and down 0.54 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 161,269,000, last year 159,246,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	78-83
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	116
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	109
ROASTERS 4# & UP	110
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	108
HENS OVER 5#	93
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	95
DUCKS	162-185

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 17-Jul-04 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
	THOUSANDS		

Head	26,875	25,643	43,881
Avg Weight	3.67	4.73	6.27
% of total /1	28%	27%	46%

Comparisons

Last week	23,868	19,585	38,386
Avg Weight	3.60	4.73	6.33
% of total /1	29%	24%	47%

Same week, yr ago /2	23,946	31,450	49,431
Avg Weight	3.81	4.85	6.15
% of total /1	23%	30%	47%

To date/2004	743,554	608,096	1,254,860
To date/2003	687,959	651,205	1,283,959

total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 24-Jul-04 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				

Head	161,269	1,438	1,484	2,922	471
Avg Wt	5.15	3.45	8.00	5.76	6.64
Last week	161,060	1,614	1,420	3,034	503
Same wk yr ago	157,247	1,105	1,459	2,564	383
Avg Wt	5.11	3.45	7.80	5.93	6.45
To-date/2004	4,500,653	39,110	37,899	77,009	13,487
To-date/2003	4,440,321	46,107	39,980	86,087	11,988

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 167.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.2 million head, or 3.9 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - JULY 27, 2004

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.30	Silkies	2.00 - 2.50 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.25	Pigeons	2.50 - 3.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	.40 - .50	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.50 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 - .60	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.00
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - .90	Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.80 - 1.10
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.80 - 1.00	Bunnies	1.75 - 5.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 2.50 ea.
4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.20	Goats	25.00 - 30.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Kid Goats	21.00 - 25.00 ea.
7-11 LBS	.60 - .90	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.90
Guinea Fowl	.90 - 1.00		
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 5.00ea.	Total Coops Sold	451
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.25ea.		
Leghorn Hens	.25 - .30		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 26-JULY-2004

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	143-145	149-151

MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	83.00-92.50	88.00-92.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-85.50	68.00-75.50

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
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14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
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16 OZ.	73.44-86.67
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THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to good. Schedules full-time. Weights were desirable to at times light. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 26-JULY-2004

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-134	118-139
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
June	19 157.7	164.6	96%	5.28
	26 164.0	164.3	100%	5.35
July	3 162.8	164.2	99%	5.09
	10 147.8	164.0	90%	5.15
	17 163.0	165.2	99%	5.13
	24 163.2	167.1	98%	5.15
Year to date	4555.4	4645.1	98%	
July	31	166.4		
August	7	164.8		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	Under Federal Inspection				
	THOUSANDS				
W/E	07/31/04	07/24/04	% CHG	08/02/03	% CHG
Broilers	158,383	161,269*	-1.79	159,246*	-0.54
Cattle	634	641	-01	712*	-11
Hogs	1,896	1,892	0	1,812*	+05
	*ACTUAL				

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners. Light canners prices ranged unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for lights; and fair to good on heavy canners with most supplies still being used internally. Offerings were clearing easily, and ranged about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

25-31.5 MAJORITY 27-28

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

27-34 MAJORITY 30-31.5

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

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LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was only fair as offerings of spent hens were fully adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5.00-12.00	9.00-10.50

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was light for adequate offerings of light fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Costs of disposal were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Mostly prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances short for the good demand. Schedules continued to vary due to available supplies. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-10	6-8

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-JULY-04

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was only moderate at best for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

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